

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03495.0202

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gouzel KARIMOVA et al.

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Serial No.: 09/818,939

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: March 28, 2001

For: IMPROVEMENTS TO A BACTERIAL TWO-HYBRID SYSTEM FOR PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION SCREENING, NEW STRAINS FOR USE THEREIN, AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 5, line 6. after “NewSfi” insert --[SEQ ID No.6]--

On page 5, line 7, after “NewSfi” insert --[SEQ ID No.7]--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-49 and add claims 50-95.**

--50. A signal amplification system comprising a bacterial multi-hybrid system of  
at least two chimeric polypeptides containing :

# INDEX

LAW OFFICES

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON  
FARABOW, GARRETT,  
& DUNNER, L. L.P.  
1300 I STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005  
202-408-4000